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I. Introduction

1. In resolution 4/2, entitled "Convening of open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation", adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its fourth session, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011, the Conference decided to convene open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings on international cooperation to advise and assist it with respect to extradition and mutual legal assistance.

2. In its resolution 5/1, the Conference directed the open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts on international cooperation to continue studying the issue of the identification and analysis of existing obstacles to law enforcement cooperation in the detection of corruption offences in the framework of the Convention and to draw up recommendations on how those obstacles may be overcome.

3. In its resolution 7/1, the Conference invited the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to propose future agenda items. It also decided that the expert meeting should continue its work by exchanging information on common reasons for refusals and delays in mutual legal assistance requests related to corruption offences under the Convention and on international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

4. The experts on enhancing international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption held their seventh meeting in Vienna, on 8 June 2018.

5. The meeting was chaired by Ignacio Baylina Ruiz (Spain).

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B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. On 8 June 2018, the meeting of experts to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: lessons learned, good practices and challenges.
4. Civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption.
5. Tools and services of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote international cooperation.
6. Adoption of the report, including conclusions and recommendations.

C. Attendance

7. The following States parties to the Convention were represented at the meeting: Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

8. The European Union, a regional economic integration organization that is a party to the Convention, was represented at the meeting.

9. The following United Nations Programme and Funds was represented by observers: Basel Institute of Governance, World Bank (WB).

10. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

11. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, an entity maintaining a permanent observer office at Headquarters, was represented.